

## NIGHTMARE

i was being divorced  
and thinking about all my problems  
had had a couple of drinks  
and was feeling a little sorry for myself.  
i was just feeling bad  
so i decided to go out for a walk  
and set off for a stroll down st charles road.

three blocks from home  
this squad car screeches to a halt  
six inches away from running me over  
and this cute young girl gets out screaming  
that i was the guy.

and i thought to myself  
you know, with a little bad luck  
you could end up getting into some real trouble.

## GOOD JOBS DON'T GROW ON TREES, YOU KNOW

it was a tuesday morning  
typical mid february chicago  
gray chill gray cold damp gray.  
so i drove 122 miles an hour  
down some crummy short cut side street  
during the morning rush hour.

i could tell that the lawyer was worried  
and not too thrilled with my prospects.  
he explained that they've got new laws in this state  
and one never knew where the next undercover agent  
was going to turn up.  
all sorts of things had changed recently  
and he couldn't give any kind of guarantee  
for any amount of money.  
we were going to go in and present a case  
where i've had it tough lately  
and maybe hit the skids a little bit  
but see, we've cleaned up our act  
we're clean shaven and dressed nice  
and back on track and hope for the best.

so there i was  
thinking about how much i hate this little town  
and this stupid little life i'm supposed to live,  
telling the judge i was sorry and ashamed  
about what i did and so on.



the sad truth of the matter is  
i was really lucky i got arrested.  
otherwise, i'd have got fired  
the minute i showed up at work  
drunk as i was.

#### NO QUARTER

it was so typical.  
i was driving on an expired license plate sticker  
hoping to sneak by for a few days till payday  
when i could buy a new one.

by now you've probably guessed  
that i got the ticket.  
that's typical enough for the average person  
but i got this ticket  
just down the street from the currency exchange  
about five minutes before i'd have bought the new  
sticker.

how could they possibly expect me  
to be a decent, law abiding citizen  
after that?

#### SOAKIN DONUT

we stopped at the dunkin donut  
for coffee and sweet rolls.  
i paid the cute young doughnut girl  
with a twenty dollar bill.  
when she gave me the change  
she accidentally got my twenty  
mixed in with it.  
i was only too happy  
to call her over  
and give it back to her.  
she was very grateful  
thanked me profusely  
wished me a long happy life  
and so on.

about ten minutes later  
she asked if we'd like refills on our coffee.